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Budget Cuts Made for 1986-87

by Rebecca J. Cisek

April is the month of tough decisions for President Dr. Larry Kramer, Academic Dean Richard Scott, Vice-President of Student Affairs Tom Lease, and Business Manager Bill Lovell. These four men comprise the Budget Review Committee and are presently weighing the needs of Avila College with the projected income for 1986-87.

Avila will operate on a budget of approximately \$6.1 million for next year, which is an 8% increase over the present budget. Of the \$6.1 million, tuition and fees contribute 72%, auxiliary enterprises (residence halls, dining room, book store, and athletic events) 15%, grants 7%, endowments (although not a part of the operating fund) 2%, and support from the Sisters of St. Joseph in St. Louis 1.2%.

Non-academic areas submitted their requests for next year's expenses February 1 and academic areas on March 1. These individual budgets include supplies, travel, printing, memberships, communication, equipment, and other.

After the requests were received, they were totaled and that figure was compared with the estimated income of the college. Preliminary cuts were then made since requests exceeded income. The cuts were done on an individual departmental basis with each department given a chance to appeal its cuts during the time from April 3-8. While a small cushion was provided to allow reentry of items into the budget, the basic choices were rearrangement of money or elimination of money.

After revisions of the budget by the appeal process, it will be presented to the Financial Committee on April 15 and then to the Board of Trustees on April 28 for final approval.

The final budget finances most aspects of campus life including general educational services, student aid, and auxiliary enterprises.

The Budget Review Committee follows the principle of zero based budgeting in determining expenses for each area. This means every department begins at zero expenses for next year regardless of what they have received in previous years. The new budget is also a line item budget which requires approved monies to be spent on exactly what they were asked for; no lump sums are approved for unrestricted use.

External factors that affected this year's decision-making included the Gramm-Rudman Bill which, if approved, could reduce the number of students receiving federal pell grants and could also affect Guaranteed Student Loans. Because of this, the Budget Committee anticipates a loss in financial aid of \$40,000-\$50,000, according to Tom Lease. The other external factor limiting budget allocations was rising costs in general. For example, utilities have gone up an average of 5%. A particularly overwhelming increase was the jump in one of Avila's liability insurances from \$1200 per year to \$16,000 per year on the same policy. Mr. Lease credits this premium

increase in part to some successful law suits against colleges. These college expenditure increases prompted the raise in full-time tuition from \$4500 to 4700 for 1986-87.

Internal factors that determined the availability of money entailed first an increase in financial aid to maintain a stable enrollment. Dr. Kramer said that an increase in financial aid had been recommended for next year's budget. Dean of Financial Aid, John Herriage, qualified this by pointing out that this increased financial aid was due to greater financial needs because of increased tuition costs - \$200 for next year and a \$1200 jump from the 1981-82 tuition figure of \$3500. Another factor is merit salary increases ranging from 0-5% for faculty and staff.

Dr. Kramer described Avila's financial history from 1963-1980 as a period of tremendous growth in enrollment and programs. During this time, tuition income supported the operating budget while gift income was used to build a continuing support fund for leaner years and inaccurate budgeting. According to Richard Scott, this fund will no longer exist for the 1986-87 budget. However, a small contingency fund is part of the operating budget for minor budget miscalculations. Enrollment declined the last five years but is now stabilized.

This summer a five year plan regarding goals for Avila's future will be in development. Presently, these goals are increased enrollment and increased community contributions. The present amount of reliance on tuition money for college operation is viewed as being too great.

Avila presently is not operating at a deficit and her only debts are 3 3/4% 40-year government mortgages on Marian Centre and the residence halls; Avila is halfway through payment of these. The college also has an endowment fund of \$2.5 million dollars which generates \$225,000 in interest each year.

The Budget Committee, and Dr. Kramer in particular, are committed to planning and executing a balanced budget. "The goal this year is a conservative, balanced budget," Tom Lease said. It is conservative in the aspect that Avila is anticipating the same number of students next year rather than counting on an increase.

Dr. Kramer said he felt "torn between" wanting to provide the money for all the campus needs and realizing that only so much is available. Kramer's emphasis is on preparing a sound budget.

Minority Task Force Fosters Communication

by Candis Donell

Being in the minority in any group can cause a lonely feeling.

Avila College's Minority Student Task Force, under the auspices of Student Govern-

ment, works to insure that the minority's voice is being heard. Organized five years ago, the Task Force defines minorities as "ethnic people of color" and deals with the issues which concern them.

"We deal with affirmative action by providing good role models for minority students through the hiring of minority faculty and staff members. Also we work on better understanding of the diversity among staff, faculty and students in general," Dr. Larry Sullivan, advisor and professor of chemistry, said. An example of strengthening communication between faculty, staff, and students was the faculty retreat held this spring sponsored by the task force.

Over the year, the Minority Student Task Force has held a Mass service, sponsored minority speakers (one of them from Africa), and sponsored an art exhibit during February, Black History Month. Patrick Wood, student representative on the Task Force, feels the committee is not just for Black students but is "aware of women as minorities, foreign students and even males on the Avila campus as minorities."

A number of minorities questioned on campus were not thoroughly aware of the Task Force's presence. Dr. Sullivan explained that "we're not really a publicity-seeking group; we're more of a problem-solving group."

The Minority Task Force's most recent meeting was March 6 and dealt with minority issues (such as civil rights) that still require sensitivity. The group will meet again April 22.

"Each year we look and see where the students are and how we can best meet their needs," Dr. Sullivan said. "And while no institution is perfect, our institution feels understanding minority issues is important."

Faculty members on the Task Force include Pat Coleman, Dave Wissmann, Kathy Meagher, Sandi Garron, Gary Morgan, Sr. Barbara Moore, and Sr. Colette Doering.

Student members are Patrick Wood and Laura Kupneski.

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Activities & Notices Special Course Offerings

The following courses are being offered through the **College Skills Center**. For more information and course fee, contact Weldon Gearhart at 942-8400, ext. 266. Pre-registration is required.

Study Skills for Junior High Students. Two sessions will be offered: June 16-26, and July 14-24. Both meet Monday through Thursday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Strategies for Collegiate Success. Two sessions will be offered: June 16-26, and July 14-24. Both meet Monday through Thursday, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Topics include time management, memory skills, reading comprehension, research techniques, note taking, writing skills and test taking.

The following courses are offered through the **Department of Continuing Education**, 942-8400, ext. 280. Pre-registration for these courses is required.

Mystery and Suspense Workshop. Saturday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to noon. Virginia DeCoursey, author of the mystery novel, *Ever This Night*, teaches the workshop which will explore how to write and get published in the mystery and suspense market.

Science Fiction and Fantasy Workshop. Saturday, May 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. This workshop teaches students how to use personal experience to write science fiction.

Summer Theatre Camp. July 14-25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A maximum of thirty students will be chosen from those recommended by school drama teachers and by auditions to be held May 24. The camp is for students entering grades 9-12.

Summer Dance Camp. June 16-20 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. A maximum of twenty students will be admitted on a first come, first served basis. The camp is for students age 15 and up and will be taught by Lorna Jolley, a former Solid Gold dancer.

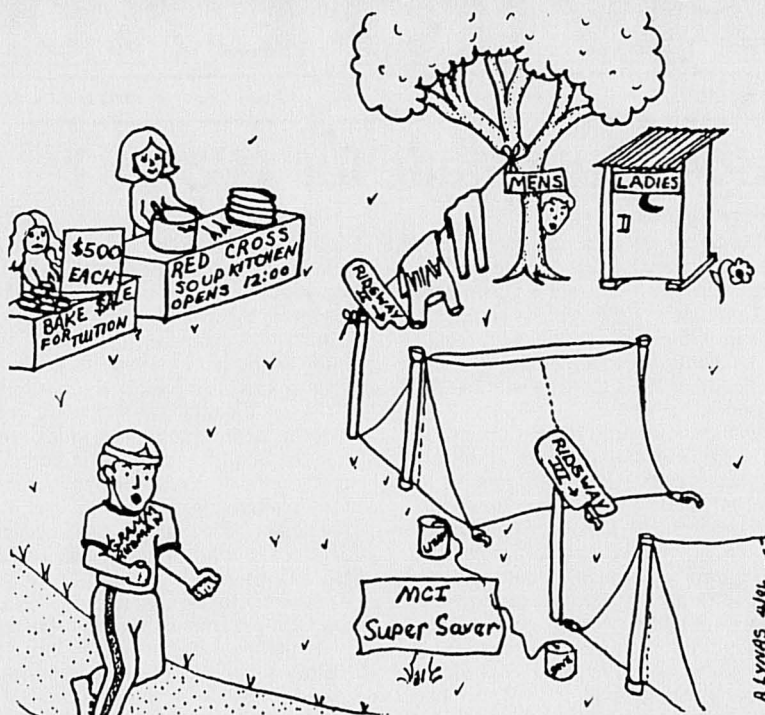
ASSWA Elects Officers

Lois Gibbs is newly elected president of the ASSWA (Avila Student Social Workers Club). Other officers will be: Lisa Dasbach, vice president; Ronnie Lerner, secretary; Billie Lerner, treasurer; and Lyn Alexander and Joyce Bonar, communications.

Activities for the remainder of the year include a bake sale in April and a party to honor the graduating seniors in late April or early May.

The club is open to anyone enrolled in the social work program at Avila. Anyone who is considering social work as a major is invited to attend the meetings which are held at 4 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the Barefoot Room. Interesting speakers from the field present topics that are informative and can be helpful to students in making important decisions for their future.

Avila Students Undaunted by Increased College Costs



Take a Trip ... Through an Artist's Mind

Thornhill Art Gallery is presenting an exhibition by Kansas City artist Robert Miller entitled **Traveler**.

Mr. Miller views the exhibition as a personal history of both the travels of the body and the mind. His narrative and figurative studies of movement are created in pastel, crayon, graphite, acrylic and mixed media. Mr. Miller is a graduate of the California College of Arts and Crafts.

The exhibition will be April 14-May 9. It is **free and open to the public**. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. A reception for the artist will be held Monday, April 14 from 7-9 p.m. (submitted by Department of Public Relations).

A.S.N.O. Update:

On April 21 ASNO (Avila Student Nurse Organization) officer elections will be held. Look for campaign signs on the bulletin boards for further information.

Four ASNO members will represent Avila College at the National Student Nurses Association convention in New Orleans from April 23-27. Topics to be discussed include entry into nursing practice, nursing politics, and the image of nursing. Programs will be presented on topics such as death and dying, A.I.D.S. update and holistic nursing. This will be an opportunity for nursing students from all over the nation to share ideas.

The annual ASNO banquet will be held May 2 at the Royale Pizza in Seville Square. Interested nursing students should watch the bulletin boards for more details.

The following students are current officers

of ASNO: Laura Replogle, president; Karen Halbhuber, vice president; Kathy Biersmith, treasurer; and Erin Gibbons, secretary.

"Incomplete Grade" Policy is Changed

Students wishing to obtain an incomplete grade for a class they are taking this semester will be required to follow a somewhat different procedure.

The Academic Affairs Committee approved a new policy, beginning this semester and continuing on a one year trial basis, that students wanting an incomplete grade must present a contract signed by themselves and their instructor. The contract includes an explanation of why the incomplete is desired and planned dates for the completion of course work. The \$5 fee to actually have the grade changed remains the same.

This change in policy results from a belief that more communication regarding criteria for "incompletes" is required between the student and instructor. According to Registrar Jean Bink, teachers in the past often gave out incompletes instead of F's for students who stopped showing up for class or failed to complete an assignment. She added that many incompletes are never made up and felt that the new system will place more responsibility on both students and instructors and will help insure that the incomplete is legitimate.

Computer Aids Needed

Work study students are needed in the computer lab for Fall 1986. Call Doug Bridges at 942-8400, ext. 256 or leave a note at his office, room 504 Whitfield.



Clown Ministry is growing this year. They have ministered to all ages, races, and creeds, have clowning at Children's Mercy Hospital, Saint Joseph Hospital, and nursing homes, with their most recent experience being at Kansas City Foundation for Mentally Retarded Children. This last experience was very rewarding, commented members, touched by excited greetings and lots of hugs by these special young people.

Clowns have the ability to touch the spirits of other people, dropping all defenses and becoming like a child. The club encourages interested persons to give clown ministry a try. For more information about clown ministry, contact the Campus Ministry department and ask for Fran or Karen.

Athletes Depend on Grove's Expertise

by Dan Mabrey

A torn ligament in the knee can be one of the more unfortunate athletic injuries. This occurred to Avila soccer player John Hunnius nearly a year ago. Since then, the healing process following his reconstruction surgery has been long and painful.

Five days a week for the past seven months, Hunnius has met with Larry Groves in the athletic training room of Mabee Fieldhouse. Here, Groves gives treatment and advice to help Hunnius' rehabilitation efforts. "Larry has all of the technical knowledge to assist with my rehabilitation and has spent a lot of time with me during my comeback," Hunnius said.

This is an incident from the life of Larry Groves, who is one of life's unsung heroes, an athletic trainer.

Groves started out as a pre-med major at Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg. He had done some work as an athletic trainer during high school and was asked to be a trainer at CMSU, so he accepted.

Groves recalled that as a very busy year. "From then on my work as an athletic trainer just kind of evolved," he said. It was good-bye to medical school, and hello to a career as an athletic trainer. He saw the change as a destined career switch.

After completing under-graduate work at CMSU and graduate work at the University of Oregon, Groves returned to his hometown of Adrian, Mo., 60 miles south of Kansas City. While visiting his parents he read an ad for an athletic trainer at Avila College.

"Coming from Oregon I didn't have much

lined up for myself, and I was looking for an occupation while I went to school," Groves said. "I dropped off a resume at Avila and had an interview 15 minutes later. I ended up with a job that has lasted three years now."

During this time, Groves has been the trainer for all Avila varsity sports, treating athletes with all types of injuries. The job of a trainer is to prevent or reduce the severity of sports injuries, administer care to injured athletes, and supervise their rehabilitation efforts.

Training is something he enjoys and plans to continue. "I enjoy sports and health care, and in this field I always seemed to land on my feet," Groves said.

At age 31, Groves is currently working on a degree in physical therapy at Rockhurst College while he works at Avila. It is a heavy load, but Groves feels he is not much different from many other college students who also work and go to school. "You just need to be able to balance and budget your time well," he said. "There is really no excessive stress involved."

However, if stress should become a factor in his life, Groves can handle it by listening to classical music, one of his favorite hobbies. "I've always had a great admiration for people who have that talent; I just never had the time to learn how to play," he said.

And, he still does not have the time. After getting his degree in Physical Therapy, Groves plans to take the State Board of Examination for a license to become a physical therapist. He already has a bachelor's degree in both chemistry and biology.

Continuing Education Continues to Grow

by Jennifer Jiles

The Department of Continuing Education has grown immensely since its inception in 1978. Initially, the department offered very few classes. "Up until one and a half years ago, the department was only part-time directed, part-time open," Kathryn W. Sullivan, Ph.D., R.N., director of the department said. "They decided if they wanted it to work, it must be run full time."

Dr. Sullivan did not become full-time director until the fall of 1984. Since then the department has experienced most of its growth in the amount of classes, seminars and workshops offered. Some of the classes it now offers include foreign languages, writing, religious studies, as well as courses in parenting and legal assistance.

The department functions as a support department for the college, offering many classes, workshops and seminars that the academic departments would like to offer but can't because of financial constraints or time restrictions. Many registrants only want courses for personal enrichment and aren't seeking academic credit. The Department of Continuing Education is essential in meeting the special needs of these people.

The department also puts forth a special effort to select interesting topics and effective instructors. "We get class and seminar ideas from freelance instructors, Avila staff instructors, professional persons outside the college and the public," Dr. Sullivan said. Many times a professional with special credentials in a certain field will contact the office and offer to teach a class.

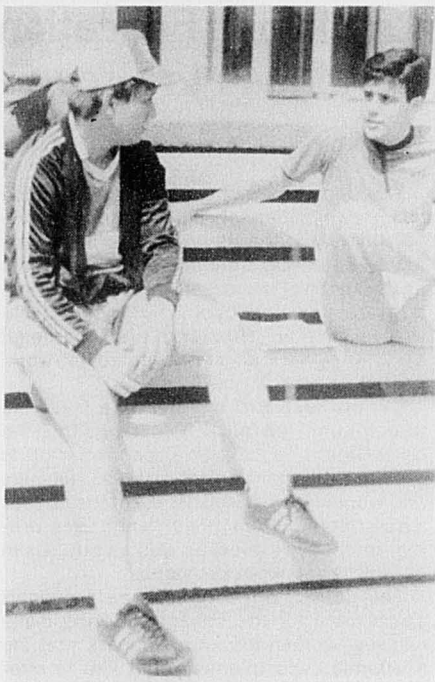
In addition to providing instructional services, the department sponsors the Women's Leadership Institute. This program started in February 1978 with its main objectives being to assist Kansas City area women in pursuing new leadership roles, performing more effectively in existing positions, and enhancing their personal growth and development. Marcy Caldwell, program coordinator of the Department of Continuing Education, is also project director of the Women's Leadership Institute.

The Department of Continuing Education is planning more classes for future registrants in the areas of gerontology, math and stress management. "The number of programs, registrants and revenues have increased significantly in the last year or so," Dr. Sullivan said.

"I want to incorporate this with my past learning to become a better athletic trainer," he said. "I also want to complete my doctorate and obtain a position utilizing my clinical and academic talents."

Groves will be leaving Avila after the spring semester and is still unsure where he will be in the future, but he is positive of one thing -- he gets great job satisfaction in his line of work.

His destiny may not be as a great classical musician, but as an unsung hero in sport medicine. After all, to Larry, it seems it was meant to be.



Legs are in this season.

Ahh-Spring!



A demonstration of priestly skill.

Such goings on...

by Dan Mabrey

On a recent April Saturday, I looked around the Avila College campus and noticed many changes from the months of February and March. Of course, it was easy to notice the change of the season as grass, flowers, and leaves on the trees appeared, but I could not help noticing the many Avila "dormitorians" running around engaging in their favorite spring activities.

A college student's life in winter closely resembles a grizzly bear's lethargic hibernation. Then as spring brings forth all of its warmth and sunshine, a student's spirit becomes as frisky as the helter-skeltering of newborn cubs.

Spring fever has once more arrived at Avila College, and my best advice is to catch it before it is gone.

As traditional April showers held back on this Saturday, Avila students made the most of it.

Fast and hot action erupted on the tennis courts when students Stan Roth and Harold Martin battled head on to win the best of three sets, with Martin finishing the victor.

On the other side of the tennis courts, Avila soccer players Chuck Otec, Gary Matson, Mark Zahner, and friends gathered for some friendly fuzzball — a game played with a stick bat and a tennis ball. Radios blared from windows for additional entertainment during the game.

Across campus, gals and guys lay out in the sun to achieve their first natural tan of the season. No artificial tanning booths for these sun worshippers!

Of course, it wouldn't be spring without baseball. This afternoon, students not so

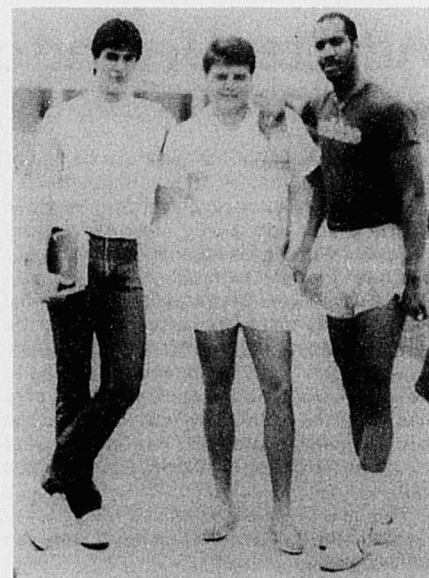


Technique can be learned.

enamored with the blue sky and sun gathered in the dorm lounge to watch an exhibition rematch of the 1985 World Series between the Kansas City Royals and the St. Louis Cardinals. The Cardinals gained some revenge with a 5-2 win over the World Champion Royals.

In the midst of all these activities, few students were aware of the Mad Water Balloon Bombers, Andy Daude and Rossel Manzanars. Attacking people with water balloons anywhere and anytime is their specialty, so beware!

Such are spring fever symptoms at Avila. Fun in the sun will be with us for the summer, but spring fever and its intense feelings of newness are short-lived. If you miss it this time, you can always catch it next time around. But — you'll have to wait a whole year!



Avila's answer to Brooks brothers.

Commencement Ushers Needed

Ushers are needed on Saturday, May 10, 1986 for:

Graduation Mass 4:00 p.m.
Commencement Ceremony 6:00 p.m.

If you are willing to usher at one or both of these events, please contact Mrs. Wolfe in the Academic Dean's office, extension 208/209.

H.M.S. Pinafore Highly Entertaining

by Rebecca J. Cisek

For an evening of lively operatic delight with touches of humor generously interspersed, attending the Avila College Music and Theatre Departments' production of "H.M.S. Pinafore" is a wise choice. The operetta by Gilbert and Sullivan opened Friday night, April 11, in Goppert Theatre.

The conflict of the play lay in the forces of love being pitted against the constraints of the English class system. Carol Kopp played Josephine Corcoran, the daughter of the captain of the Pinafore, who fell in love with the lowly sailor Ralph Rackstraw (Dudley Hogue). However, she had been previously promised to marry First Lord of the Admiralty Sir Joseph Porter (Oscar Long). A seemingly impossible union of the true lovers occurred at the end of the play when an unexpected twist in the plot "leveled all ranks."

Realistic scenery provided a sound basis for the production from the start. Patti Mudd's design included a rope ladder, secured to the top of the mast from the ship's deck, by which a seaman made his first entrance on stage. A simple set provided the necessary seafaring atmosphere without becoming obtrusive.

Notably effective was the ability of the cast to so naturally blend their singing talents with those of each other. Carol Kopp's controlled, yet dramatic voice, was able to skillfully execute even the highest of the operetta's notes.



Tom DeBacker, Oscar Long,
Becky Goeglein.

Dudley Hogue, too, has a fine singing voice as the infatuated Ralph. A little more self-assertion in spots, however, would not have discredited the insecurity of his lowly rank as

seaman, but instead would have allowed the audience more of a glimpse of why Josephine found him so attractive.

Physical characterization were the main achievements of Thomas DeBacker as the captain and Tim Moore as the trouble-maker seaman Dick Deadeye. DeBacker's commanding thrust of his shoulders and chest, combined with a head held high, gave him the slightly pompous air captains so often possess. Uneven shoulders and an inward turned left foot were the physical distortions employed by Moore to portray the unpleasant looking Dick. Except for a few occasions when his quick movement across stage lessened this posture, Moore was generally consistent in this difficult pose. Oscar Long as Sir Joseph effectively created the haughty atmosphere associated with British navy admirals through his facial expressions and waddling gait.

Sharon Grosshart's stage direction and Daniel Larson's music direction blended skillfully into a unified whole. The production's only significant problem was one that often accompanies musicals—the audience's inability to distinguish some of the words of the songs.

A refreshing break from the weekend movie syndrome, "H.M.S. Pinafore" will be produced again this Friday and Saturday evenings, April 18 and 19.

Springbreak '86

by Joe Bryde

It's March 22, 7:30 in the morning somewhere in Kentucky and 40 college students are quietly sitting along the edge of the highway in a bus in which the clutch is history. Doyle and Dustin, the world's most intrepid drivers, slowly approach a broken down farmhouse in hope of using their phone. Just our luck, the house doesn't have a phone. Dustin, the more intrepid of the two, takes our plight into the next town by hitching a ride with a willing farmer. We made it to Daytona Beach at one o'clock in the morning and ten hours late.

A little bit of bad luck with a heck of a lot of fun is the best way to describe the Springbreak trip to Daytona Beach, Florida. A typical day would consist of waking up with a headache, heading down to the Travel Lodge restaurant to order the 99¢ breakfast special, and the grueling work of sitting poolside and soaking up hot rays. And how about the wild pool-side contest? Who could forget the overweight guy named House from Ohio who won everything from the muscle man competition to the belly flop contest. Saying this guy liked to party was an understatement.

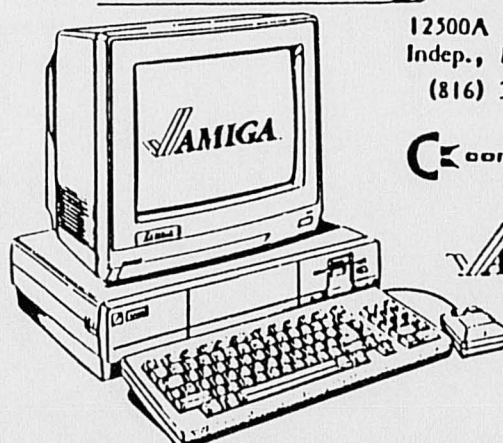
The evenings usually started out by combining dinner with happy hour. Free food with 50¢ draws attracted the big spenders. Sometimes the best part of the day was the middle of the night, with room parties and strolls on the beach. There's the gentle breeze, the full moon, the soft sand, the bottle of Riunite, and of course a "friend". Going on a

midnight munch run at this time is also expected of the true partier.

Compared with the stay in Florida, the bus ride back was fast and boring. Doyle and Dustin averaged about 69 miles an hour with exhausted college students sleeping the whole way. Our special thanks goes to Phil Bryde and Erin Gibbons, a.k.a. "the cruise director," who put the whole trip together. Next year, anyone?



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Avila Task Force Brightens the Campus

by Candis Donell

In response to the growing concern for student safety, the Avila Student Government has formed the Task Force of Student Lighting which is preparing to install several lights to brighten dark areas found on campus. Major dark areas are located on the front corner and back area of Foyle Hall, the southwest corner of Marian Centre and the parking lot on the northeast side of Marian Centre (see diagram).

A group of residential assistants, led by Carolyn Sieter, now residential coordinator of the task force, brought the problem to the attention of Tom Lease, Vice-President of Student Affairs. As advisor of the force, Mr. Lease is examining ways to produce brighter light by changing the globe covering to a clearer glass, by lengthening certain light poles and by switching to a high pressure sodium bulb which is yellowish-orange in color.

"For the same amount of power (as the old

bulb) we may be able to get 30 percent more light out of the sodium bulb," Lease said.

According to Mr. Lease, about \$1000 will be spent renewing lights. The project will cost another \$5000 if the sodium bulb and new glass covering are used in the installation of approximately 10 new light poles. Installation involves digging trenches between light wiring and is scheduled to take place in May of this summer.

The Task Force of Student Lighting has already installed lights behind Hooley-Bundschu Library, between Foyle Hall and the tennis courts, and has put stronger watt bulbs in the Ridgway garage, according to Art Schlumpberger, head of Campus Maintenance.

Residential assistants on the task force include Jeanne Connelly, Linda Bleyenbergh, Gary Matson, Barnet Walker, Teresa Ban-Booven, and Patrick Wood.

Hunger Awareness Highlighted on Campus

by Rebecca J. Cisek

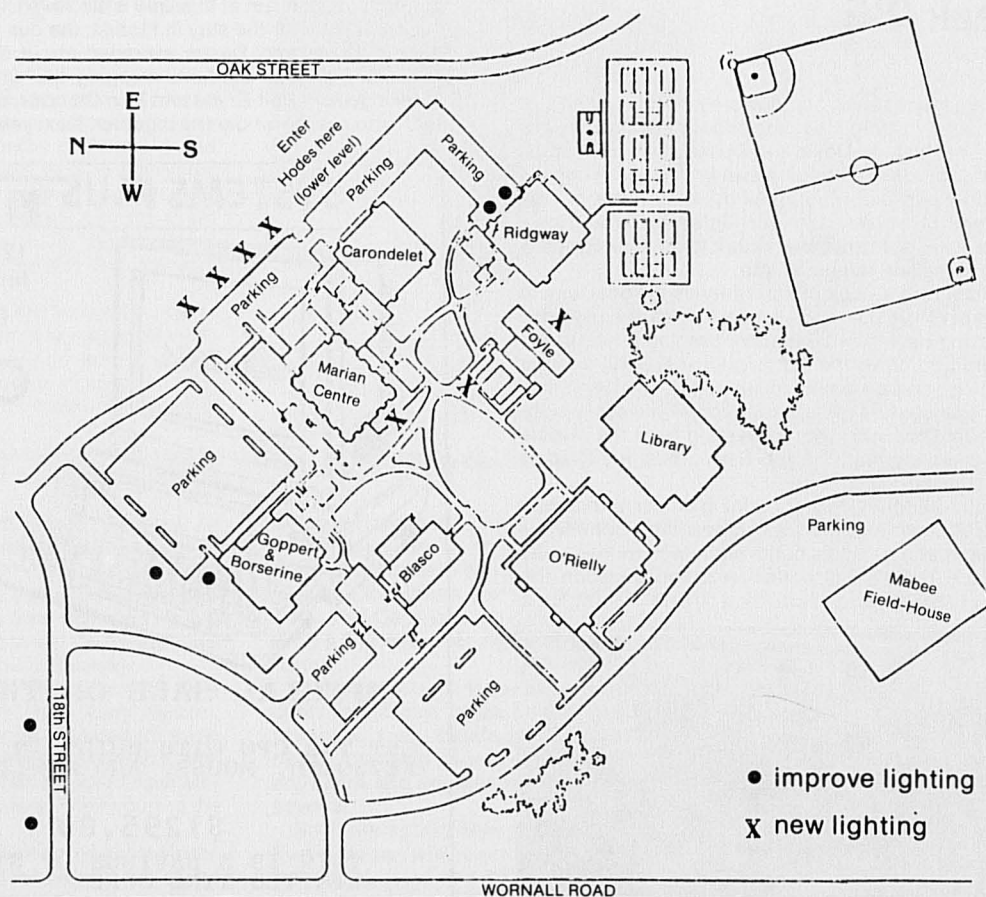
Care in Action: Hunger in K.C., 1986, sponsored by the Avila Social Work Department, is providing a variety of hunger related activities the week of April 14-18.

Wednesday, April 16, the athletic department is sponsoring a basketball game at 8:30 p.m. The Society for the Advancement of Management (SAM) sponsored a bake sale from 11-2 on both Monday, April 14, and Wednesday, April 16.

Thursday, April 17, is the main day for the project. Speakers will present information on hunger at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 1 p.m. in Whitfield. From 11:00-1:00, the Community Health Class will hold a nutrition booth in the snack bar. An all campus Mass will be held at 12 p.m.

Other hunger related activities during the week are trips to a soup kitchen by the History Club and Student Union Board, instructor lectures on hunger, hunger writing assignments by students in the English Department, and sermons at Mass on hunger by Father Mike Zahorchak.

Proceeds collected from donations at these activities will go to Harvesters' Food Bank.



Campus plan for lighting improvements.